

MEDICAID CODING GUIDELINE
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TIME BASED CODES

CPT CODES:

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| 99239 | Hospital discharge day management – more than 30 minutes |
| 99316 | Nursing facility discharge day management- more than 30 minutes |
| 99291 | Critical care management - 1st hour |
| 99292 | Critical care management – each additional 30 min. |
| 99354 | Prolonged physician service in office or other outpatient setting(face-to-face); 1 st hour |
| 99355 | each additional 30 minutes |
| 99356 | Prolonged physician service in the inpatient setting (face-to-face); 1 st hour |
| 99357 | each additional 30 minutes |

The discharge time must be documented in the discharge summary or the progress note on the discharge day. If time is not documented payment will be at the 99238 level.

Prolonged services must have the time documented in the dictation or the progress notes.

The **total amount of time spent in constant attention** with the patient must be documented in the progress note in order to bill **critical care**. This time does not have to be continuous.

The following services are included in the critical care code when performed during the critical period by the physician performing critical care:

- 93561, 93562 – Interpretation of cardiac output measurements
- 71010, 71015, 71020 – chest x-rays
- 94760, 94761, 94762 – pulse oximetry
- 94656, 94657, 94660, 94662 – ventilatory management
- 43752, 91105 – gastric intubation
- 99090 – blood gases, and information data stored in computers e.x. ECG's, blood pressures, hematologic data
- 36000, 36410, 36415, 36540, 36600 – vascular access procedures

Any service provided **under** 30 minutes is coded with the appropriate subsequent E/M code. (99231-99233)